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In re Application of:)
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ONODA, Kenji et al.)
) Art Unit: 3711
Serial No.: 10/757,383)
) Examiner: TRIMIEW, Raeann
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TITLE: COMPOSITE METALWOOD)

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the 12 October 2006 Final Office Action from Primary Examiner Raeann Trimiew of Art Unit 3711 to which a three-month response is due by 12 January 2007, Applicant timely submits this Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicant requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks and amendments. Applicant respectfully asserts that this submission places the Application in full condition for allowance and respectfully solicits early and favorable consideration.

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